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Via Hand Delivery

**Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

Re: Ex Parte File Nos. 48-SAT-P/LA-97, 89-SAT-AMEND-97, RM No. 9147

Dear Ms. Salas:

On October 7, 1998, Pascale Sourisse of SkyBridge L.P., Laura Sherman, Esq., and the undersigned, both of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, met with Commissioner Tristani, for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the above-referenced matters. The attached handout was distributed at the meeting.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted

Jeffrey H. Olson  
Attorney for SkyBridge L.P.

Attachment

cc: Hon. Gloria Tristani

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## SKYBRIDGE CHRONOLOGY

- Feb. 1997 - Application filed with FCC proposing a 64-satellite Ku-band NGSO-FSS system, to provide global high-speed, broadband services, using a unique spectrum sharing technology that will enable SkyBridge to use Ku-band without causing interference to co-frequency GSO FSS, DBS and FS systems.
- Mar.-June 1997 - Senior SkyBridge engineering team holds "road show" meetings with FCC staff and Ku-band licensees to explain sharing methodology and respond to questions.
- July 1997 - Application amended to expand sharing methodology showing, based on feedback from FCC staff and Ku-band licensees.
- July 1997 - At request of FCC staff, SkyBridge files petition for rulemaking (RM-9147) proposing regulatory scheme to accommodate SkyBridge and other NGSO satellite systems at Ku-band.
- July 1997 - FCC issues public notice requesting comments on petition for rulemaking. Comment period concluded September 1997.
- August 1997 - FCC issues public notice accepting SkyBridge application for filing; sets due date for petitions/comments in mid-December, after conclusion of WRC-97.
- Nov. 1997 - WRC-97 adopts changes to ITU regulations necessary to facilitate SkyBridge (and other NGSO) operations, including adoption of provisional "PFD" (power flux density) limits.
- Mar. 1998 - Pleading cycle regarding SkyBridge application concluded.
- Apr.-May 1998 - Further "road show" technical meetings with FCC staff and Ku-band licensees.
- July 1998 - Application amended to expand system to 80 satellites. Interference/sharing analysis unaffected; SkyBridge preparing additional studies regarding same.
- July 1998 - International WRC-2000 preparatory meetings make progress toward confirming WRC-97 provisional PFD limits. SkyBridge technical representatives continue to work with Ku-band licensees and FCC staff to examine provisional PFDs.
- Aug. 1998 - Further "road show" meetings.

### THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE FCC:

1. ISSUE A "CUT-OFF" PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRING OTHER PROSPECTIVE KU-BAND NGSO-FSS APPLICANTS TO COME FORWARD.
2. ISSUE A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO FASHION RULES THAT WILL PERMIT NGSO-FSS SYSTEMS TO OPERATE WHILE PROTECTING GSO-FSS, DBS AND FS SYSTEMS.